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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: WINTER SCHEDULES SUBMITTED BY
U.S. CARRIERS

1. WITH WINTER SCHEDULES DUE TO GO INTO EFFECT
ON OCTOBER 28, BOP'S CIVIL AVIATION (DGAC) DIRECTOR,
VICTOR VERES, INFORMALLY NOTIFIED PAN AM AND
TWA REPRESENTATIVES ON OCTOBER 19 THAT DGAC WILL PROTEST
1973/74 WINTER SCHEDULES FILES BY U.S. CARRIERS AS UNDULY
INCREASING CAPACITY COMPARED WITH 1972/73 WINTER SEASON.
SUBSEQUENTLY, FORMAL LETTERS FROM VERES TO PAN AM AND TWA
REPS WERE RECEIVED OCTOBER 23 ALERTING CARRIERS THAT GOP
SHORTLY WILL CALL FOR CONSULTATION UNDER BILATERAL
RE THIS ISSUE AND THAT 1973/74 WINTER SCHEDULES WERE
PROVISIONALLY APPROVED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1973 OR
UNTIL CAPACITY ISSUE RESOLVED IN CONSULTATION.

2. ACCORDING TO VERES LETTER, COMBINED PAN AM AND
TWA WINTER SCHEDULES, WHICH REPRESENT 60 PERCENT
INCREASE IN CAPACITY OVER 1972/73 WINTER SEASON, WILL
WORK HARDSHIP ON TAP. HOWEVER, TWA REP POINTED OUT TO
VERES (AND LATER TO EMB OFF) THAT TWA INCREASE WAS ONLY
13 PERCENT WHILE PAN AM INCREASE WAS 120 PERCENT.
VERES RETORTED THAT GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS
REQUIRE COMBINING BOTH U.S. CARRIERS.

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3. PAN AM REP ACKNOWLEDGED 120 PERCENT INCREASE

OVER LAST WINTER SEASON. PAN AM HAS FILED TO CONTINUE INTO 1973/74 WINTER SCHEDULES WITH APPROXIMATELY SAME CAPACITY AS ITS 1973 SUMMER SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, PAN AM REP STRONGLY ADVOCATES THAT CAPACITY CEILINGS NO LONGER IN EFFECT UNDER BILATERAL.

4. COMMENT AND FYI ONLY: QUESTION OF WINTER SCHEDULES HAS BROUGHT INTO OPEN LONG SIMMERING ILL WILL BETWEEN PAN AM AND TWA REPS IN LISBON. TWA FEELS PAN AM IS TOO GREEDY IN ITS WINTER SCHEDULE REQUEST; PAN AM BELIVES TWA IS TRYING TO UNDERCUT PAN AM POSITION BY INDIRECTLY ENCOURAGING DGAC TO BALK AT WINTER SCHEDULE REQUESTS. PLEASE PROTECT EMBASSY CONFIDENCES ABOVE. STATE AND CAB WILL HAVE TO EXERCISE CAUTION TO AVOID INTRAMURAL CONFLICT RE THIS ISSUE.

5. COPY OF VERES LETTER TO U.S. CARRIERS WILL BE POUCHED SOONEST.
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